

ORIENTAL PHILOSOPHY AND COMPARATIVE RELIGION



1443 Q St., N. W.

SUBJECT OF LECTURE
SUNDAY EVENING

April 22nd,

AT 8:15

**"THE COLOR AND
FORM OF THOUGHT"**

WEDNESDAY
EVENING,

April 25th,

AT 8:15

"THE PANTACLE"

At this moment the great unrest, of which we spoke in our last is making itself felt in the sudden convulsion of Nature which is rending the hearts of our brothers in the West, and our own also in sympathy for them in their sufferings.

What can we do? is our first thought, and we see ourselves helpless. We read excitedly every new bulletin, we follow step by step the path of fire, we fear for our friends, we congratulate ourselves, we dwell on each detail of horror, we discuss these in awe-stricken tones with those we meet, and so by our very attitude of *fear* we add fuel to the fire which we desire to extinguish.

We believe in the Power of Thought, and yet at the moment when our brethren need our aid in the form of "winged messengers," thoughts of *peace, trust, hope, calm*, we send them only our weak and helpless pity and fear.

"Our God is a consuming Fire" we are taught. Do we indeed believe that God is in the storm, that every cloud has a silver lining? If we do, if our past experience has taught us this, then let us tell these things to the sufferers.

Such messages travel fast and they travel far, nor do they ever miss their mark. And not only so, but this attitude of *strong calm* is our only protection from such troubles in our own lives. In proportion as we are calm and fearless are we safe.

Questions asked in the After-Talk:

Can there be an effect without a cause? Did the victims of the earthquake attract the calamity to themselves?

Can one who has a feeling of absolute safety have accidents?

Must not this feeling be founded on absolute Faith, on a consciousness of one-ness with the Great Power?

Is there not a distinction between the innocence of a child and the knowledge of the Adept?

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